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 OF THE
RICHARD BENNETT
FAMILY

OF
 WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Va.
 and
 IREDELL COUNTY, N. C.

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The progenitor of the Bennett family of Iredell and Alexander Counties of North Carolina was Thomas Bennett, Sr., of Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was born on March 20, 1685, and died January 3, 1763. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1699, but the month and day of the month of her birth are not known; neither is it known when she died. However, she survived her husband, Thomas, Sr., since she was mentioned in his will probated May 31, 1763, as having the full use of his estate during her lifetime. Following her death, the estate was to go to his children, as directed.

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None of the records on the Bennett family found so far mention the maiden name of Thomas Bennett's wife, Elizabeth. However, it is believed that she was a "Bonum", a sister of Samuel Bonum, 2nd, of Westmoreland County, Virginia. This conclusion is rather tenuous, but is strongly supported by the will of Samuel Bonum, 3rd, made in 1748, who, apparently dying without direct issue, left part of his estate to his "Uncle and Aunt, Thomas, Sr. and Elizabeth Bennett, and his cousins Mary, Thomas, and Joseph Bennett." These last named three were children of Thomas, Sr. and Elizabeth Bennett.

Not too many facts are known about the life and background of Thomas Bennett, Sr., other than that he lived and died in Westmoreland County, and the names of his children. Family tradition says that Thomas, Sr., came from England, but so far this has not been verified. Although he owned land in Westmoreland County, it has not been possible to locate any records that would show how this land came into his possession, that is, whether by grant, purchase, or inheritance. Further research on the family background of Thomas Bennett, Sr., would undoubtedly be profitable.

In a search of the records of Westmoreland County, the names of a number of other Bennett families contemporary with Thomas Bennett, Sr., and some even earlier, were found, but what the relation or interrelation was between these families is not clear. For example, there was a William Bennett who, in a will probated February 24, 1703, mentions his son Corscomb (or Cossum), his daughter Mary, his wife and her son Christopher. Apparently the Christopher that he mentions was the son of his wife by a former marriage and, therefore, his step-son. William could have been an uncle of Thomas Bennett, Sr., who also had a son named William. Then again, at a later date, September 31, 1776, a Cosson Bennett, probably a descendant of this William Bennett, mentions sons William and Bunbury, together with his wife and remaining children, unnamed.

Going back earlier, on June 20, 1656, a John Bennett inherited through a will the home and plantation of a John Draper of Westmoreland County. This John Bennett is of an age to have been the father of Thomas Bennett, Sr., but since the latter was not mentioned in John Bennett's will, this possibility is ruled out. On October 28, 1730, another John Bennett, probably the son of the first John Bennett, left his estate to his wife, and one shilling to his granddaughter, Elizabeth Summers.

For the time being, it must be assumed that, according to family tradition, Thomas Bennett, Sr., came directly from England to Westmoreland County, Virginia. Listed below are the names of the children of Thomas Bennett, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth. This list is derived from the wills of Thomas Bennett, Sr. and his son William, whose death preceded that of his father. Both wills are on file in the Westmoreland County Court House, Montrose, Virginia. It will be noted that with the exception of his sons Thomas, Jr., the father of Richard Bennett, and William, both of whom left wills in Westmoreland County, there is very little known about the children of Thomas Bennett, Sr., and that with the scant information available, it is impossible to list them in known chronological order of birth.

Children of Thomas Bennett, Sr.

1. Mary Although date of birth and death unknown, probably the first born. May have married a John Luckman, as a marriage bond was issued on July 4, 1786, to Mary Bennett and John Luckman. If this Mary Bennett was the daughter of Thomas Bennett, Sr., she was not young when married and probably had no children.
2. Thomas, Jr. Born: July 31, 1725 (Was the father of Richard Bennett who moved to North Carolina in 1801).
Married: Mary Ann Oldham, (born 12/22/1721-died 3/8/1781).
Died: June 17, 1789
Buried: In Westmoreland County, site unknown.
3. William Date of birth unknown
Probably unmarried, or, if he had been married, his wife was dead at the time he made his will on September 18, 1758. In this will he left his estate to his mother, Elizabeth Bennett, for life, and then to his brothers, Charles, Daniel, and Thomas Bennett.
Died: Probably in January 1759, as his will was probated on January 30, 1759.
4. Daniel Date of birth unknown
Married: Probably to Mary Crabbe, as a John Crabbe in 1779 willed 5 pounds to his daughter, Mary Bennett. Also, Daniel Bennett, in his will probated August 30, 1785, left all of his estate to his wife Mary, indicating no direct issue.
Died: Probably in August, 1785.
Buried: Westmoreland County
5. Charles The dates of his birth, death, and whether married, are not known. The only record of him that was found, outside of being mentioned in his father's will, is that the notes of the Westmoreland County Court show that in 1779 he was appointed an Inspector of Tobacco in that county.
Buried: Probably in Westmoreland County, site unknown.

6. Joseph No record of Joseph was found in Westmoreland County other than in Thomas Bennett, Sr., 's will of 1763.
7. Solomon Like his brother Joseph, no mention is made of Solomon Bennett in the records of Westmoreland County other than in his father's will of 1763.

THOMAS BENNETT, JR.

Thomas Bennett, Jr., the son of Thomas Bennett, Sr., and his wife Elizabeth, married Mary Oldham sometime prior to 1745, the year in which their first child was born. It has been impossible to find any record that would show the names of the parents of Mary Ann Oldham. It is known that a Col. Samuel Oldham married Elizabeth Newton (the great-grandmother of Catherine Lawson, Richard Bennett's second wife) who was the widow of Capt. Thomas Newton of Westmoreland County, in 1730. Col. Oldham was probably of the right age to have been Mary Ann's father by his first wife, but so far no evidence has been uncovered to support this theory. Even though he was not Mary Ann's father, they undoubtedly belonged to the same Oldham family.

Children of Thomas Bennett, Jr.

1. Reuben Born: October 1, 1745
 No additional information could be found.
2. Jesse Born: January 27, 1747
 Married: Jemima Coles on October 4, 1786. There is no evidence, except names and location (Cople Paris, Virginia) that this Jesse was the son of Thomas Bennett, Jr., but the probability is strong that he was. No other information found.
3. Tarpley Born: January 1, 1749
 Died: December 10, 1749, in infancy.
4. George Born: May 27, 1752
 No other information available.
5. Thomas Tarpley Born: July 1, 1755
 Married: Maiden name of wife and date of marriage not known. Northumberland County, Virginia, records show that on October 18, 1774, a daughter named Elizabeth was born to Thomas Tarpley Bennett of St. Stephen's parish. This Thomas Tarpley is undoubtedly the son of Thomas Bennett, Jr.
 No other information available.
6. Richard Born: August 27, 1757
 Married: (1) Alice Middleton, daughter of George Middleton of Westmoreland County, on December 23, 1788. Died, but date unknown.
 (2) Catherine Lawson, daughter of Thomas Lawson of Lancaster County, Virginia, on October 28, 1793.

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Died: In either October or November, 1837. His will was probated in 1837 at the November term of Iredell County Court, North Carolina.

Buried: In the family graveyard on his homeplace in Alexander County, North Carolina.

7. William

Born: September 8, 1764

Married: No

Died: Was drowned in the Potomac River near Georgetown, Maryland (now Georgetown, D. C.), being 21 years and 6 days old at that time, September 14, 1785.

As shown by the above listing, Thomas Bennett, Jr., had several children. One, Tarpley, died in infancy. Another, William, died as a young man. Richard moved to North Carolina in 1801. Birth records indicate that Thomas Tarpley was in Northumberland County in 1774, where his daughter, Elizabeth Tarpley, was born. Since Richard was the only child appearing in the will of Thomas Bennett, Jr. at the time of his death in 1789, it would seem to indicate that by that time all his other children were either deceased or had moved from Westmoreland County and some other provision made for them at the time they left. The only other mention made of the descendants of Thomas Bennett, Jr., appeared in Richard Bennett's will made in Iredell County, North Carolina, in 1837, to the effect that in return for certain provisions which he made for them, his sons, Reuben O. Bennett and John Newton Bennett were to care for his niece, Mary Ann Bennett, "in her afflicted state." He did not specify which of his brothers was her father, or how old she was at that time, but it is assumed that he had had the responsibility of her care for a number of years.

RICHARD BENNETT

In general, the life history of Richard Bennett is fairly well documented. The names of his parents, where he was born and when, his two marriages, the names of his children and dates of their birth, are, for the most part, known. However, there are some occasional gaps that it has been impossible, so far, to fill in. One of these is his Revolutionary War service, if any. Richard would have been just about the right age to have served (having been born in 1757), and while family tradition has it that he was an officer in General George Washington's army, nothing has been found to support this tradition.

Several family records refer to Richard's Revolutionary service but without citing exact details. For example, the following story was found, after her death, among the papers of Florence King Lawrence, whose mother, Elizabeth Adeline King, was the daughter of George Stepto Bennett, a son of Richard Bennett: "Once while Richard Bennett was in the Revolutionary War, he became so hungry and starved that he ate a dog's paw and thought that it was the sweetest meat he ever ate." It is assumed that Florence King Lawrence heard this story from her mother who, in turn, had heard it from her father, George Stepto Bennett. Also, according to family tradition, this son was named George Stepto after a member of the Stepto family of Virginia with whom Richard served in the War of the Revolution.

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A piece of evidence that might have thrown some light on Richard's Revolutionary service was his gravestone, which, unfortunately, was lost or destroyed. Both Richard and his wife, Catherine, together with several of their children who died while young, were buried privately on the home plantation. This cemetery was in the midst of what later became a large field well suited for cultivation. The stones to all the graves were, therefore, removed, stored somewhere on the premises in a place no longer known, and the grave sites plowed over for crops. It was customary to place a special mark of identification on the stones of Revolutionary War soldiers, together with an inscription showing their service. It is likely that if Richard had served in the Revolutionary War, his stone would have borne a notation to that effect.

In 1953, the author employed a trained genealogist to search the records of the War of the Revolution to see if they might throw some light on the question of Richard's service. The results were negative. This does not necessarily prove that he did not serve, since many of the Revolutionary War records were lost or destroyed during the War of 1812 and later. However, unless some other evidence can be discovered, either through family records or elsewhere, the question of Richard's Revolutionary service will have to be left as "unproven."

Richard Bennett was a slave owner and planter in both Virginia and North Carolina. In his will made in 1837 and recorded in the clerk's office of the Court House in Statesville, North Carolina, mention is made of the possession of numerous slaves, horses, cattle, sheep, wagons, stills, miscellaneous farm machinery, and hundreds of acres of land. He undoubtedly was a man of considerable education, for his will directed that his books go to his sons John and Reuben Bennett. Normally, in those days, only an educated man possessed sufficient books to be mentioned in his will.

Family records also state that Richard Bennett was a doctor. The last act of his life was connected with medicine. Becoming ill, he asked a member of his family to get him a dose of an indicated medicine (probably calomel, a most popular drug of that day). This was done, but as soon as he had swallowed it, he knew that a mistake had been made and that he had taken strychnine instead. Every antidote known for strychnine was tried, but to no avail. He died the following day and was interred in the home burial ground, along with his wife, Catherine Lawson Bennett, and several of their children who had died in infancy and youth.

Richard Bennett owned property in Westmoreland County, Virginia, which he sold prior to moving to North Carolina. On record at the Westmoreland County Court House, Montrose, Virginia, are two deeds signed by Richard and his wife, Catherine. One deed, dated in 1801, transferred 340 acres to one James Cox, and the other, in the same year, transferred 100 acres, together with house, mill, etc., to Stephen Bailey. These sales were made just before Richard and his family left for North Carolina, where, in 1801, he bought a sizable tract of land from Archibald McHenry in Rowan (now Iredell) County and where he built a neat, commodious house at the foot of what is now known as Ashbury Mountain. In 1802, he purchased additional land from Francis Johnson. Richard's original home was later partially torn down and reconstructed by one of his daughters. Passing out of the family at a subsequent date, it is now owned and occupied by James Meadows.

Following the death of his wife Catherine Lawson Bennett in 1829, Richard moved to the home of his son, Reuben Oldham Bennett, taking with him all of his records, books, etc., and most of his furniture. The house of Reuben Oldham Bennett was later destroyed by fire and with it all of the books, papers, etc., of Richard Bennett which might have thrown some light not only on his Revolutionary history, if any, but his early life and that of his family in Virginia. Fortunately, a second family bible of the Bennett family lasted somewhat longer. It was given to George Stepto Bennett, third son of Richard, and contained a rather extensive genealogical history of the Bennett family, going back, it is said, to the Bennett family in England before it came to America. This bible was also destroyed by fire when the George Stepto house was burned while in the possession of a grandson, Dr. Edward King. Fortunately, a partial excerpt was made from this bible in 1901, which has been of great help to the writer in constructing a genealogical history of the Bennett family back to Virginia. While all of the information used by the writer was not obtained from this source, it nevertheless furnished clues for the tracing of records in Westmoreland County that enabled him to write what is believed to be a fairly accurate history of the Bennett and affiliated families of Westmoreland County, Virginia, and Iredell County, North Carolina, down to the present time.

Richard Pennett was born in Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia, on August 27, 1757. He was married twice. His first marriage was to Alice Middleton, the daughter of George Middleton of Westmoreland County, Virginia, on December 23, 1788, according to the Virginia County records, volume 4, page 95. They had one child, Melinda, whose dates of birth and death are not known. However, following the move of Richard and his family to North Carolina, she married a Charles W. Shelton and had three children, i.e., Alecy A., Charles W., Jr., and Catherine L. Richard mentioned all three in his will of 1837.

Following the death of his first wife, Richard married Catherine Lawson on October 23, 1793, according to a marriage bond on file in Lancaster County, Virginia, records. The bond states that she was the daughter of Thomas Lawson and it was signed by her grandfather, Thomas Newton Lawson, as security. The exact date on which Catherine Lawson was born is not known, but she died on February 10, 1829, when she was 72 years old.

Children of Richard Bennett by Catherine Lawson

- I. Richard O. -- Born in 1794. Date of death and whether married not known. Moved to Tennessee. Probably died and buried there.
- II. Lettice Newton -- Born: Probably in 1796. Married: Samuel Miles King of Iredell Co., N. C. Date of death unknown. Moved to Tennessee, probably buried there.
- III. Thomas Lawson -- Born: Probably in 1798. Married: A McDaniel, given name unknown. Moved to Tennessee. Probably died and buried there.

The first three children of Richard Bennett moved to Tennessee. This fact is mentioned in Richard's will. Following this move, all trace of them became lost to the descendants of Richard still living in North Carolina.

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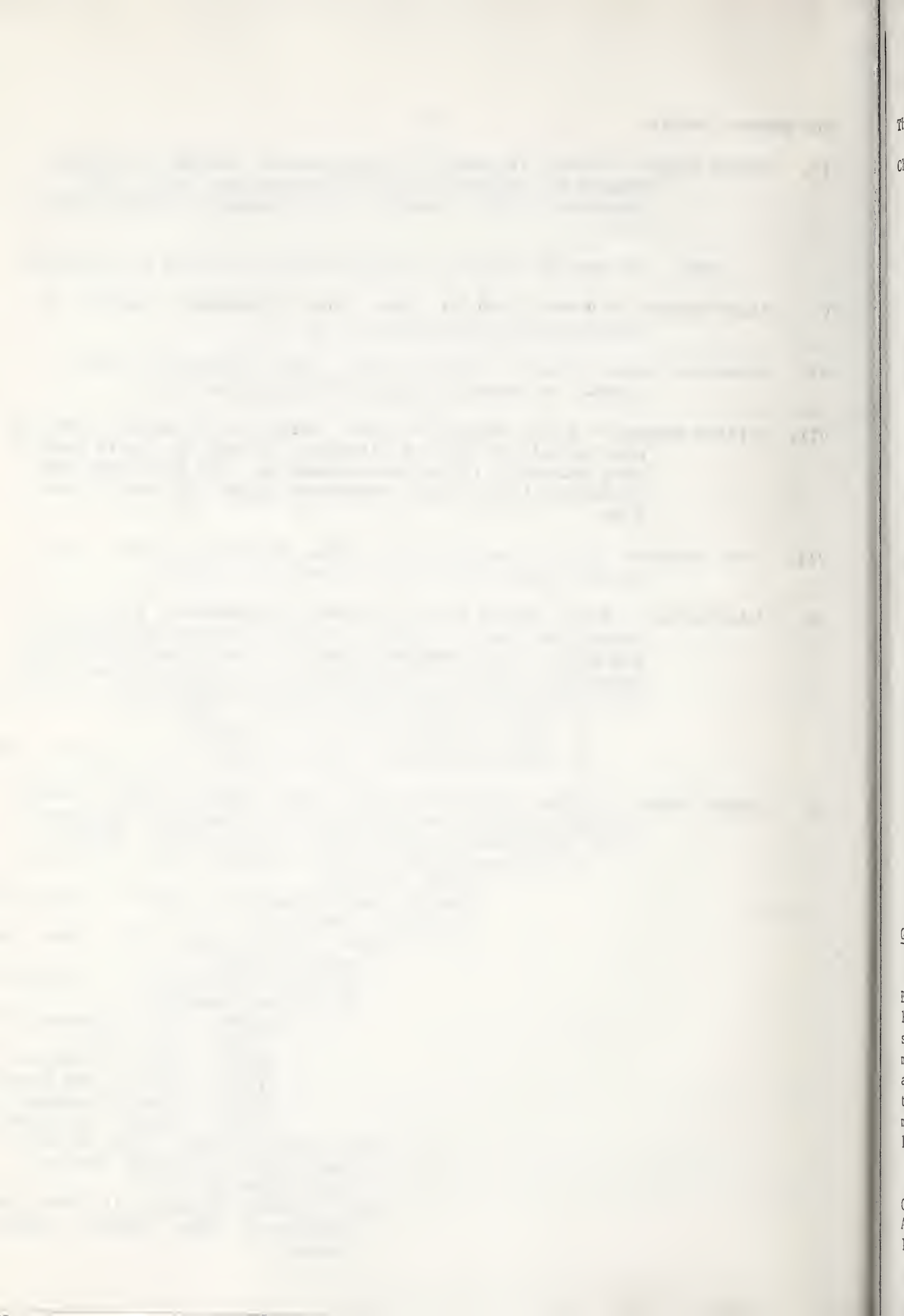
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- IV. George Stepto -- Born: February 14, 1799. Married: Elizabeth Newland, daughter of Benjamin Newland of Burke County, N. C. Died: September 8, 1866. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery, Iredell County, N. C.

(Note: See special section on George Stepto for list of his children)

- V. Alecy Tarpley -- Born: April 30, 1800. Died: In infancy. Buried: In family cemetery, Alexander Co., N. C.
- VI. Catherine Lawson -- Born: March 26, 1802. Died: December 23, 1810. Buried: In family cemetery in Alexander Co., N. C.
- VII. William Tarpley -- Born: August 28, 1803. Married: (1) Isabell Smith, by whom he had one daughter, Alameda, who married a Davis (given name unknown.) (2) Caroline Alexander. Had three daughters. He and his family moved to Mississippi and all trace of them lost.
- VIII. Sarah Newton -- Born: March 25, 1805. Died: October 10, 1805. Buried: Private family cemetery in Alexander Co., N. C.
- IX. John Newton -- Born: August 2, 1807. Died: Date unknown. Buried: In Rutherford County. Married: Catherine Baxter of Rutherford County, N. C., on June 24, 1850. She was a daughter of Joseph Baxter and sister of William Baxter, the father of Nancy Caroline Baxter who married Hugh Caldwell Bennett in 1860. Children:
1. Ellen -- Still living in 1935. Unmarried.
 2. Mary -- Married _____ Lewis.
 3. William Tarpley -- Born: In 1859. Still living in 1934.
- X. Reuben Oldham -- Born: October 20, 1810. Died: April 22, 1877. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery, Iredell County, N. C. Married: Elizabeth Foote (born March 16, 1829--died June 29, 1893). Children:
1. William Gaston -- Born: October 4, 1850. Died: February 19, 1882.
Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married: Mary Molly Tomlinson. Children:
 1. Addie -- Born: May 7, 1875. Died: January 26, 1905.
Buried: Stony Point, N. C. Married: Newt Combs. Children:
 1. Reuben -- Born: February 24, 1893. Died: 1957.
 2. Jettie -- Born: October 8, 1895. Married: Roy Levan.
 3. Minnie -- Born: September 26, 1897. Married: Wade Hoover.
 2. Amos Gaither -- Born: April 26, 1878.
Died: October 18, 1890. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery.
 3. Frank -- Born: September 18, 1880. Died: February 26, 1901. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery.



Children and descendants of Richard Bennett (Con't.)

4. William Henry -- Born: July 13, 1881.
Died: January 21, 1944. Buried:
Wilbur, Washington. Married: Nora
Neal. Children:
 1. R. Frank Bennett
2. Richard Henry -- Born: July 18, 1853. Died: May 12, 1927.
Buried: Oakwood Cemetery, Statesville, N. C.
Married: Minnie Gray.
3. Emma Vance -- Born: March 26, 1859. Died: March 25, 1922.
Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married: Perry Harvey
Mason. Children:
 1. James Henry -- Born: September 12, 1885.
Died: February 28, 1955. Buried:
New York City. Married: (1) Anna
Wise. (2) Ethel Fink.
 2. Bessie Drucilla -- Born: June 5, 1887.
Died: May 8, 1932. Buried: Stony
Point, N. C. Married: Marvin V.
Watt
 3. Orr Ethel -- Born: November 22, 1888.
Married: John D. Graham
 4. Reuben F. -- Born: June 17, 1891.
Married: Mary Lawrence.
 5. William Roy -- Born: July 12, 1893.
Died: December 28, 1948. Buried:
Kansas City, Kansas. Married: Ada
Sargent.
 6. Mary Emma -- Born: June 20, 1895. Died:
November 25, 1957. Buried: Oakwood
Cemetery, Statesville, N. C. Married:
Fred D. Bailey.
 7. Stepto Bennett -- Born: November 21,
1897. Died: January 29, 1924.
Buried: Pisgah Cemetery.

GEORGE STEPTO BENNETT

George Stepto Bennett, son of Richard Bennett and his wife, Catherine Lawson Bennett, was born in Cople Parish of Westmoreland County, Virginia, on February 14, 1799. As an infant, he accompanied his parents to North Carolina, where they settled in that part of Rowan County that is now Iredell County. There he grew to manhood. When he was about 23 years of age, he married Elizabeth Newland of the adjoining county of Burke. Since most of the records of Burke County, particularly the marriage bonds, etc., were destroyed by fire in 1865, the exact date of their marriage cannot be given, but it is generally agreed that it was around October 1, 1822.

Elizabeth Newland was the daughter of Benjamin Newland, who was born in York County, Pennsylvania, on March 6, 1763, and died in Burke County on October 9, 1839. According to family tradition, he served in the Revolutionary War when he was only 16 years of age, helping guard the soldiers of Lord Cornwallis following the

Yorktown, Virginia, surrender toward the end of the war. In fact, several of the descendants of Benjamin Newland joined the Daughters of the American Revolution on the basis of his War service, and another, Dr. Elijah Newland of New Albany, Indiana, joined the Sons of the American Revolution. However, Robert E. Newland and Leon L. Newland, Bedford, Indiana, in a history of the Newland family, state that they have been unable to authenticiate the Revolutionary War service of Benjamin Newland. It is doubtful whether anyone could join either of these patriotic organizations today on the data presently available on Benjamin Newland's war service.

After the end of the Revolutionary War, Benjamin Newland left Pennsylvania, moving first into Maryland and then into Virginia. In Augusta County, Virginia, on March 29, 1787, he married Catherine Tate, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Tate, both from County Derry, Ireland, and both of whom lie buried in Quaker Meadows Cemetery, Burke County. Following his marriage to Catherine Tate, Benjamin Newland and his wife, together with his parents and others, left Virginia and moved to North Carolina, eventually settling in Burke County. It was here that Elizabeth Newland, the future wife of George Stepto Bennett, was born. In the History of the Newland Family, the date of her birth is given as December 14, 1797. However, the stone at her grave at Pisgah Cemetery, near Statesville, North Carolina, shows that she died on September 20, 1874, and that she was 75 years, 9 months, and 6 days old at the time of her death. This would make the year of her birth 1799 instead of 1797.

When George Stepto Bennett and Elizabeth Newland were married, they were given a substantial acreage from Richard Bennett's plantation. This gift was later confirmed in Richard Bennett's will. Here a house was built and here they lived until they died around half a century later. Following their death, most of the land, together with the house, passed to their two maiden daughters, Mary Lawson and Hannah Amanda, who, in turn, left the property to their nephew, Edward Stepto King, M. D. While owned by Dr. King, the house was burned, including the family bible previously mentioned as being in the possession of George Stepto. This bible contained an interesting collection of genealogical facts on the Bennett family prior to the move of George Stepto's father, Richard Bennett, to North Carolina. Dr. King died on April 10, 1922, leaving the George Stepto plantation to his brothers and sisters. It was later broken up, mostly into small farms. However, the place where the original house stood and where another house was built by Dr. King, is now owned and occupied by Cecil King, a great-grandson of George Stepto Bennett.

George Stepto Bennett died on September 8, 1866, on returning from a visit to his son, Hugh Caldwell Bennett of Burke County, a Confederate cavalry officer during the Civil War. He is buried in Pisgah Cemetery, Iredell County, beside his wife Elizabeth Newland Bennett, and his three unmarried daughters, Catherine Benson, Mary Lawson, and Hannah Amanda.

By 1960, the original stones erected at the graves of George Stepto Bennett and his family had become so badly deteriorated, they were replaced by his descendants, mostly of the third generation, or great-grandchildren.

Children and Descendants of George Stepto Bennett

L. Catherine Benson - Born: July 11, 1823. Died: April 3, 1879. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery, North Carolina. Unmarried.

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Children and Descendants of George Stepto Bennett (Cont'd.)

II. Elizabeth Adeline -- Born: January 5, 1825. Died: November 1, 1907.
Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married: Joel Brevard King on
December 23, 1846. Children:

1. Laura -- Born: June 16, 1849. Died: July 16, 1930.
Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Unmarried.
2. Mary Ellen -- Born: May 24, 1854. Died: September 26,
1861. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Unmarried.
3. Richard E. -- Born: November 24, 1856. Died: June 13,
1927. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married:
(1) Emma Lawrence on May 3, 1893.

Children:

1. Joel -- Born: March 29, 1894. Died:
November 25, 1898.
- (2) Amanda Sloan on September 8, 1904.

Children:

1. Mary Adeline -- Born: November 13, 1905
2. Richard E. -- Born: March 27, 1907
3. Charles E. -- Born: April 6, 1909. Died:
November 20, 1947.
4. Hugh B. -- Born: February 23, 1911
5. Laura Jane -- Born: November 5, 1912
6. Newland S. -- Born: March 26, 1913. Died:
September 16, 1958.
4. Florence Olivia -- Born: April 3, 1859. Died: February
28, 1939. Buried: Snow Creek Cemetery, Iredell
County, N.C. Married: John W. Lawrence on July 15,
1890. Children:
 1. Mary Olivia -- Born: May 20, 1891
 2. Robert Edward -- Born: September 27, 1893.
Died: December 23, 1950.
 3. Joel Brevard -- Born: April 28, 1895.
Died: April 10, 1959.
 4. Catherine -- Born: April 20, 1897.
 5. Elizabeth -- Born: September 9, 1899.
Died: January 6, 1954.
5. Hugh Benjamin -- Born: May 5, 1861. Died: February 5,
1869. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery.
6. Edward Stepto, M.D. -- Born: July 30, 1863. Died: April
10, 1922. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Unmarried.
7. Franklin Brevard, M.D. -- Born: September 5, 1865. Died:
March 7, 1947. Buried: Pearl, Texas. Married: Mary
Kate Hemphill. Children:
 1. Edward Brevard -- Born: April 28, 1898.
 2. Eleanor Jeanette -- Born: December 4, 1899
 3. Harry Benson -- Born: August 25, 1901
 4. Evelyn Kitty -- Born: September 23, 1906
8. Kate Prudence -- Born: July 24, 1868. Died: July 5, 1902
Buried: Snow Creek Cemetery. Married: Rufus Guy.

Child:

1. Hugh King -- Born: November 29, 1900.
Died: December 28, 1959.

III. Mary L. -- Born: June 21, 1827. Died: December 20, 1903. Buried:
Pisgah Cemetery. Unmarried.

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Children and Descendants of George Stepto Bennett (Cont'd.)

- IV. Benjamin Newland -- Born: August, 1828. Died: December 1862. Buried: Confederate Cemetery, Grave #1302, Winchester, Virginia. (Enlisted as a private in Company B, 37th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He died in the Confederate hospital, Winchester, Virginia, probably of measles.) Unmarried.
- V. Margaret Melinda -- Born: February 21, 1831. Died: April 21, 1907. Buried: Damascus Cemetery, Iredell County, North Carolina. Married: George Washington Martin on December 18, 1856. Children:
1. Daughter -- Born October 15, 1857. Dead. Buried: Hope-well, Alexander County.
 2. John Robert Caldwell -- Born: June 11, 1859. Died: August 28, 1934. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married: Lillie Adams in 1830. Children:
 1. Mary J. -- Born: March 21, 1882. Died: July 13, 1912.
 2. Son -- Born: July 21, 1884. Died
 3. Laura E. -- Born: October 13, 1885. Died: 1948.
 4. Margaret A. -- Born: November 19, 1887.
 5. Katie E. -- Born: March 8, 1889. Died: April 24, 1928.
 6. James Washington -- Born: July 20, 1891. Died: October 3, 1933.
 7. Lillie Emma -- Born: October 9, 1896. Died: April 17, 1925.
 3. Elizabeth Catherine -- Born: August 13, 1861. Died: December 27, 1930. Buried: Damascus Cemetery. Unmarried.
 4. Alexander Benjamin -- Born: June 23, 1864. Died: September 19, 1945. Buried: Damascus Cemetery. Married: Laura Isabel Adams on February 22, 1890. Children:
 1. Edward Stepto -- Born: March 22, 1891. Died: 1927.
 2. Lee Stephenson -- Born: November 22, 1892. Died: June 8, 1957.
 3. Richard Alexander -- Born: November 7, 1894. Died: December 27, 1936.
 4. Daughter -- Born: August 26, 1896. Dead.
 5. William Clarence -- Born: August 26, 1897
 6. George Winslow -- Born: June 22, 1900. Died: In infancy.
 7. Carrie Bell -- Born: July 8, 1902. Died: In infancy.
 5. Lucy Amanda -- Born: September 19, 1866. Died: July 13, 1932. Buried: Damascus Cemetery. Unmarried.
 6. Nancy Adeline -- Born: April 29, 1869. Died: July 22, 1896. Buried: Damascus Cemetery. Married: Commodore Stockton Johnson on May 8, 1894. Children:
 1. Son -- Born: March 5, 1895. Dead.
 2. Foy -- Born: April 6, 1896.
 7. George Stepto -- Born: July 19, 1874. Died: July 15, 1940. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Married: Fannie Goodnight on May 12, 1904. Children:
 1. Daughter -- Born July 6, 1905 (Dead)
 2. Sadie Allen -- Born: August 3, 1906.
 3. George Henry -- Born: October 10, 1908

The Bennett Family

Children and Descendants of George Stepto Bennett (Cont'd.)

4. Hugh Brown -- Born: April 9, 1910.
5. Margaret Prudence -- Born: April 25, 1914.
6. Jennie Neel -- Born: November 16, 1917.
7. Cora Adeline -- Born: September 13, 1921.

VI. Hugh Caldwell -- Born: December 14, 1832. Died: March 14, 1907. Buried: Snow Hill Cemetery, Burke County, N.C. Married: Nancy Caroline Baxter on July 19, 1860.

(See special discussion below on Hugh Caldwell Bennett and family)

VII. Hannah Amanda -- Born: January 29, 1837. Died: June 6, 1911. Buried: Pisgah Cemetery. Unmarried:

Hugh Caldwell Bennett

Hugh Caldwell Bennett was the sixth child of George Stepto and Elizabeth Newland Bennett. He was born on December 14, 1832, on the George Stepto Bennett plantation in Iredell County, North Carolina. It is not known what schools he attended other than the local country school, but the writer, who remembers him during the last years of his life, recalls that he appeared to be well educated and intensely interested in all current events. As a young man, he was a merchant and trader, some of his trips carrying him as far south as Charleston, South Carolina. On one of his business trips to Rutherford County, he met and became interested in Nancy Caroline Baxter, who was born on February 2, 1844. She was the daughter of William Baxter and Margaret Miller Patton, and the great-granddaughter of William Baxter. William Baxter was born in Ireland in 1753, and came with his parents to the United States in 1766, landing in Charleston, South Carolina. As a young man, he moved north until he reached Mecklenberg County, North Carolina, where he met and married Sarah Berryhill, a member of a prominent Mecklenberg family. He then moved to what is now Rutherford County, where he settled and raised his family.

Nancy Caroline Baxter was related on two sides to the family of Elisha Baxter, a son of William Baxter by his second wife, Catherine Lee of Virginia, and who, as a young man, moved to Arkansas. Elisha Baxter served as a colonel in the Union Army, Governor of Arkansas, and later was elected to the United States Senate, although, for some technical reason, he was never seated. Elisha was the half-great-uncle of Nancy Caroline, being her grandfather Joseph's half-brother. In addition, Elisha married Harriet Patton, who was a sister of Nancy Caroline's mother and a daughter of Elijah Patton, Jr., of Rutherford County.

Hugh Caldwell Bennett and Nancy Caroline Baxter were married on July 19, 1860. Following their marriage, they settled on the upper reaches of Silver Creek, Burke County, where Hugh Caldwell acquired around two thousand acres of land. However, they had not lived there long before the Civil War broke out. Hugh Caldwell enlisted as a corporal in the Third Cavalry, Company F. 41st State Troops, at Morgantown, North Carolina, on October 7, 1861. He was then 29 years old and stood 5 feet, 11 inches. On May 13, 1862, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and served in that capacity during the remainder of the war. His regiment was sent to Virginia, where it was incorporated in the command of Maj. Gen. W. H. Fitzhugh Lee's Cavalry Division.

While in charge of a scouting expedition, Hugh Caldwell was wounded and sent to the Confederate State Hospital at Petersburg, Virginia, on June 1, 1864. On partial recovery, he was given a furlough that extended until September 12, 1864. He then returned to duty and served until the end of the war. It is a family

tradition that shortly before the surrender, he became separated from his command, joined Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House, and was there at the surrender. However, this cannot be confirmed by official records.

As previously noted, Hugh Caldwell had a brother, Benjamin Newland Bennett, who also served in the Civil War. He enlisted August 15, 1862, at Statesville, North Carolina, in Company B, 37th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He served only a short time, as he died on December 1, 1862, and was buried in the Confederate Cemetery at Winchester, Virginia.

Hugh Caldwell Bennett returned to Burke County at the end of the war and took up his life of farming, operating country stores, saw-milling, tanning, and other business activities. At one time, he had stores located at Rutherford College, Bridgewater, Dyattsville, as well as other points. Some mercantile authorities have credited him with being one of the early originators of the chain store idea. While this may not be correct, it is known that during the eighteen seventies and eighties, he did operate a small group of country stores in Burke and one or two adjoining counties.

In addition to his farming and mercantile activities, Hugh Caldwell built one of western North Carolina's first cotton mills. It was operated by water power, being located on the falls of a stream approximately six miles southeast of Marion, the county seat of McDowell County. That stream had a full flow of water then, but today it has dwindled to a mere trickle. Hugh Caldwell had to go to Baltimore, Maryland, to buy his machinery, for, unlike today, all such equipment was then made in the North.

The mill was very successful from the start but, unfortunately, after a few years' operation, the market became glutted and prices dropped to a very low point. Rather than sell at the prevailing low prices, Hugh Caldwell decided to hold back his goods until prices improved. Unfortunately, just when he had accumulated a large reserve stock and prices showed signs of improving, the mill, through a freak accident, caught fire and burned. Instead of rebuilding, as he was encouraged to do by many friends and relatives who offered to lend him all the money that he might need, he paid off all his obligations, even though it took him some time to do so, and retired to his farm in Burke County. There, he lived until his death on March 14, 1907. His wife, Nancy Caroline, died three years later on July 26, 1910. They are both buried in Snow Hill Cemetery in Burke County, three miles north of their home. Also buried in the same cemetery are Nancy Caroline's parents, William Baxter (born October 22, 1823--died August 27, 1885) and his wife, Margaret Miller (Patton) Baxter (born January 12, 1826--died March 12, 1895).

Children and descendants of Hugh Caldwell Bennett

I. Margaret Elizabeth -- Born: May 19, 1861. Died: September 10, 1863.

II Benjamin Hugh, M.D. -- February 19, 1863. (Moved to Texas around 1895 and practiced medicine there). Died: April 11, 1937. Buried: Grove Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. Married: December 12, 1895 to Maggie Buie (born October 17, 1871--died January 2, 1948)

Children:

1. Kathleen -- Born: September 8, 1896. Died: April 29, 1923. Married: December 25, 1921 to T.C. Oliphint.
2. Gladys -- Born: August 14, 1899. Married: January 22, 1944 to Percy P. Haslitt, M. D.
3. Hugh Buie -- Born: November 28, 1902. Married: November 11, 1934 to Erna Hasty.

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Children and Descendants of Hugh Caldwell Bennett (Cont'd)

4. Etha -- Born: December 19, 1904. Married: (1) Joel N. Murphy (2) Curtis M. Guthrie on February 5, 1933.
5. Bess Lynn -- Born: May 1, 1906. Married: March 10, 1944 to Paul A. Stevenson.
6. Benjamin Hugh -- Born: July 31, 1909. Married: June 12, 1948 to Susie Mae Anderson Perry.
7. Gloria Emily -- Born: June 30, 1913. Married: September 3, 1941 to Carlton Raymond Treadwell, M. D.

III. Mary Kate -- Born: July 10, 1865. Died: September 1, 1925. Buried: Brittain Cemetery, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Married: December 17, 1884 to Edward Deam (born May 8, 1859--died March 13, 1951). Children:

1. Gordon DeWitt -- Born: July 24, 1886. Died: March 25, 1960. Buried: Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Married: January 1, 1918 to Eunice Arms.
2. Russell Sage, M. D. -- Born: December 13, 1887. Died: January 9, 1946. Buried: Lumberton, N.C. Married: April 2, 1921 to Vashti White.
3. Walter Raleigh -- Born: June 18, 1889. Died: May 28, 1947. Buried: Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Married: June 4, 1927 to Rose Evans.
4. Sallie Margaret -- Born: February 29, 1892. Died: May 1955. Buried: Spartanburg, S.C. Married: March 9, 1916 to Charles C. Clark.
5. Mary Bennett -- Born: June 10, 1893. Died: August 7, 1896.
6. Edward, Jr. -- Born: July 23, 1895. Married: October 22, 1923 to Annette Browning.
7. Kate Eliza -- Born: December 19, 1896. Married: May 22, 1926 to Philip Turner Harpine.

IV. Elijah Patton -- Born: March 28, 1868. Died: June 9, 1932. Buried: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Married: August 14, 1884 to Zylphia Ann Morrison (born December 26, 1866--died October 25, 1942). Children:

1. Eula Florence-- Born: March 23, 1886. Married: (1st) October 18, 1903 to William Edgar McCurry (born December 13, 1881--died August 8, 1906).

Children:

1. Joel Clyde -- Born: August 28, 1904. Married: (1st) Nora Virginia McCall on November 24, 1926. (2nd) Julia Frances Gathings on April 26, 1935. (3rd) Faye Allison
2. Edgar Woodfin -- Born: March 23, 1906. Married: Mary Neil Davis, June 18, 1929 (2nd) June 6, 1909 to Lon Cleveland Bost (born October 23, 1884)

Children:

1. Margaret Lucille -- Born: April 7, 1911. Married: (1st) Ned Henry Garrett on April 29, 1933 (2nd) Taylor Osburne Johnson on May 16, 1938.
2. Ruth Josephine -- Born: September 26, 1913. Married: January 19, 1930 to William Atkin Poston.

Children and Descendants of Hugh Caldwell Bennett (Cont'd)

3. Bennett Wesley -- Born: April 26, 1916. Married: September 22, 1935 to Myra Wilson Berry.
4. Jean -- Born: March 23, 1918. Died: March 11, 1952 in Japan. Buried: Shelby, N.C. Married: Lewis Scott Gardner, Navigator, U.S. A.F., World War II, Lost in combat.
5. Lloyd Cleveland -- Born: December 25, 1920. Married: October 20, 1945 to Virginia Reid Falls.
6. Floyd Patten -- Born: December 25, 1920. Married: October 10, 1949 to Evangalene Palmer.
7. Ned Wilfong -- Born: August 19, 1923. Married: December 14, 1941 to Helen Elizabeth Hyder.
2. Leland Ivy -- Born: May 5, 1888. Married: January 27, 1909 to Mary Elma Walker (born April 29, 1889)

Children:

1. Hugh Caldwell -- Born: December 14, 1909. Married: December 14, 1930 to Lottie Leigh Austin. 2009806
2. William Richard -- Born: April 6, 1912. Married: April 30, 1938 to Ada Meadows.
3. Carl Johnson -- Born: June 23, 1914. Married: August 3, 1941 to Melba Wilson.
4. Helen Elizabeth -- Born: July 16, 1916. Married: June 11, 1942 to Joseph Waightstill Avery.
5. Benjamin Harold, Lt. Colonel, Engineer Corps, U. S. Army. Born: April 13, 1919. Married: April 6, 1946 to Jean Talley.
6. Martha Ann -- Born: September 14, 1922. Married: February 4, 1946 to Oscar Howard Baker.
7. Betty Bright -- Born: February 13, 1925. Married: January 11, 1946 to Benjamin Garland Nichols.
3. Mary Miller -- Born: February 10, 1891. Died: June 3, 1891.
4. Benjamin Hugh -- Born: December 24, 1893. Married: June 16, 1926 to Mary Regina Rhodes (born March 14, 1897--died July 1, 1946. Buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C.)

Benjamin Hugh Bennett was born in Burke County, North Carolina, moved with his parents to Washington, D. C., in 1914; served overseas in World War I; graduated from the University of Maryland in 1926 and received an advanced degree in Agricultural Economics from the same University in 1927; was an assistant professor in agricultural economics until he left to go with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He retired from the Department of Agriculture in 1957 as Chief of the Dairy Statistics Branch, Agricultural Marketing Service.

Children:

1. Robert Morrison -- Born: March 15, 1927. Married: June 25, 1955 to Charlene Gilmore in Elkins, West Virginia.

2. Donald Rhodes, M.D., Captain in the Air Force Medical Corps. Born: December 4, 1929. Married: (1st) September 8, 1956 to Patricia Ann Stewart in Iowa City, Iowa, who died January 2, 1957 in Ankara, Turkey. (2nd) June 11, 1960 to Kathleen Johanna Juckum, in Madison, Wisconsin.

5. Kittie Ellouise -- Born: April 28, 1896. Married: (1st) May 17, 1917 to Frederick Fountain Eichelberger (born May 12, 1892--died June 20, 1920)

Children:

1. Frederick Bennett -- Born: October 30, 1918. Died: March 8, 1922.
 2. Helen Virginia -- Born: January 14, 1921. Married: October 12, 1940 to Daniel Calloway Seale.
- (2nd) April 24, 1923 to Capt. George Carl Mattison (born July 29, 1888)

Children:

1. Dorothy Elizabeth -- Born: May 1, 1927. Married: December 13, 1948 to Harrison Frederick Dunbrook.
 2. George Carl, Jr., -- Born: May 4, 1931, Sergeant, U.S. Air Force. Unmarried.
6. Thomas Baxter -- Born: April 24, 1900. Married: (1st) May 4, 1924 to Martha Young.
- Children:
1. Patricia Lou -- Born: August 25, 1925. Married: Charles Thornton on September 21, 1942.
 2. Floyd Edward -- Born: July 7, 1927. Married: (1st) Joan Hollenhorst (no children) (2nd) Andra Jose on June 15, 1956.
 3. Diane Lee -- Born: July 13, 1935. Married: Stephen Walter Gillikin on December 7, 1951.
- (2nd) November 24, 1943 to Nora Virginia (McCall) McCurry.
7. Infant Son -- Born: June 29, 1901. Died: August 10, 1901
8. William Newland -- Born: March 5, 1903. Married: April 19, 1924 to Lillian Alma Parker.
9. Richard Henry -- Born: November 12, 1904. Died: May 16, 1960. Buried: Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Married: Mary Olga (Wittington) Reynolds.

Children:

1. Richard, Sergeant, U.S. Army-- Born: April 25, 1927. Married:
 2. June -- Born: October 17, 1932. Married: William E. Centerfeit.
10. Margaret McDowell -- Born: November 26, 1908. Died: March 1909

- V. Louola Adeline -- Born: February 27, 1870. Died: February 5, 1932. Buried: Burke County, North Carolina. Married: (1st) - January 17, 1889 to Frank M. Gibbs

Children:

1. Olin
2. Augusta
3. Paul
4. Lily
5. Margaret

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be carefully documented to ensure the integrity of the financial data. This includes recording dates, amounts, and the nature of the transactions.

Furthermore, the document highlights the need for regular audits and reconciliations. By comparing internal records with external statements, discrepancies can be identified and corrected promptly. This process not only helps in detecting errors but also serves as a deterrent against fraud.

In addition, the document stresses the importance of transparency and accountability. All financial activities should be clearly explained and justified. This is particularly crucial when dealing with large sums of money or complex transactions. Providing detailed explanations helps in building trust and ensures that all stakeholders are informed.

The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of internal controls. It outlines various measures that can be put in place to prevent errors and fraud. These include segregation of duties, where different individuals are responsible for different parts of a transaction, and the use of standardized procedures to ensure consistency in recording transactions.

Moreover, the document discusses the role of technology in financial management. It suggests that using accounting software can significantly reduce the risk of human error and improve the efficiency of the recording process. However, it also warns that technology should be used responsibly, with proper security measures in place to protect sensitive financial information.

Finally, the document concludes by reiterating the importance of a strong ethical foundation. Financial professionals should always act in the best interests of their organization and its stakeholders. Upholding high ethical standards is essential for maintaining the credibility and long-term success of the business.

Children and Descendants of Hugh Caldwell Bennett (Cont'd)

(2nd) July 17, 1901 to Daniel Hennessee

Children:

1. Anna Lou
2. Kate

VI. Joseph Stepto (moved from Burke County, N.C. to Texas around 1895). Born: March 24, 1872. Died: October 12, 1950. Buried: Trinity, Texas. Married: (1st) July 3, 1894 to Eliza Tate (born 1873--died March 5, 1901)

Children:

1. Joel
2. Sallie

(2nd) Around 1903 to Ivy Belk.

Children:

1. Rachael

VII. Hattie Baxter -- Born: January 4, 1874. Died: January 1, 1938. Buried: Snow Hill Cemetery, Burke County, N.C. Married: (1st) November 15, 1893 to J. C. Hutchins.

Children:

1. Ethel--B.: Aug. 25, 1894. Married: Charles B. Mahaffee
2. Mary -- Born: December 12, 1895. Married: Allison
3. James Jennings -- Born: Jan. 11, 1897. Married: Joncie Atkinson
4. Nellie -- B.: Feb. 18, 1898. Married: Johnny J. Jones
5. Cleopatra -- B.: Feb. 18, 1900. Married: M. C. Bradley
6. Hugh Columbus -- B.: Aug. 23, 1905. Married: Eleanor Patton

(2nd) Wesley Keller.

No children.

VIII. Betsy Newland - Born: January 5, 1875. Died: In infancy.

IX. Samuel Columbus -- Born: February 27, 1877. Died: August 14, 1947. Buried: Mt. Olive Cemetery, Burke County, N. C. Married: (1st) Julia A. Daves. (No children)

(2nd) January 1906 to Lucy Waters (born September 28, 1874)

Children:

1. Samuel Calvin -- Born: November 4, 1906. Died: December 17, 1956. Married: Fairy Cota Green.
2. William Edward -- Born: July 25, 1907. Married Fannie Lee Boulware
3. Minnie Viola -- Born: February 20, 1910. Married: Franklin Pledge.
4. James Stephen -- Born: October 15, 1913. Married: Ola Canipe.

X. Carrie Benson -- Born: March 12, 1879. Died: April 22, 1921. Buried: Snow Hill Cemetery, Burke County, N.C. Married: May 19, 1901 to Russell K. Hennessee.

Children:

1. Nancy Elizabeth -- Married: Zeno Motten Hunt
2. William Stepto -- Married: Manilla Hunt
3. Hugh Emanuel -- Married: Myrtle Mozelle Hastings
4. Walter Beam -- Married: Ethel Blankenship
5. Alice Louvenia -- Married: Marvin Newton

XI. Florence Amanda -- Born: November 17, 1880. Died: March 29, 1934. Buried: Snow Hill Cemetery, Burke County, N.C. Married: December 28, 1908. to Joseph R. Hennessee (born September 20, 1867--died August 17, 1942)

Children:

1. Doris Iva -- Born: September 22, 1899. Unmarried.
2. James Edward -- Born: October 15, 1900. Died: May 28, 1955. Married: Stella Green.
3. Florence Alice -- Born: January 27, 1904. Married: Wallace Beckham.
4. William Lester -- Born: April 8, 1909. Married: Lelia Mathers.
5. Virginia Bennett -- Born: October 3, 1910. Married: Ed Parker.
6. Ila Mae -- Born: August 15, 1916. Married: Wilbur Evans
7. Joel King -- November 27, 1917. Died: March 17, 1923.
8. Benjamin Russell -- Born: May 15, 1919. Married: Frances Parker.

(There were also a number of other children who died in infancy)

Since the Bennetts, Kings, Martins, etc., of Iredell, Alexander and Burke counties are descended through Catherine Lawson, the second wife of Richard Bennett of Westmoreland County, Virginia, it is believed that members of these and affiliated families would be interested in a short discussion of her family background.

The parents of Catherine Lawson were:

Thomas Lawson and his wife, Lettice Newton. The dates of their birth, marriage, and death are not known,

A thorough search of the records of Westmoreland and Lancaster Counties, Virginia, failed to uncover a marriage bond for Thomas Lawson and Lettice Newton. However, a will on file in Westmoreland County, Virginia, shows that Lettice Newton was married to Thomas Lawson and that her parents were:

Willoughby Newton (1702-1767) of a very prominent Westmoreland County family, and Sarah Eskridge (1708-1753). Sarah Eskridge was the daughter of Col. George Eskridge and his wife, Hannah. Col. Eskridge was the guardian of Mary Ball prior to her marriage to Augustine Washington, the father of George Washington.

Willoughby Newton was a man of considerable property. That his daughter Lettice married Thomas Lawson, the father of Catherine Lawson (the second wife of Richard Bennett) is supported by this provision in his will probated May 26, 1767:

"Item: I give and devise to my son-in-law, Mr. Thomas Lawson, and Lettice, his wife, six cows and twelve sheep, to be paid out of my stock at home. I also confirm my gift of the negroes in their possession which I gave them when they went to housekeeping. I also give them two negroes more, Phyllis and her child, Milley."

That Thomas Lawson was also a person of considerable property is indicated by the fact that in his will, Willoughby Newton made more generous provisions for his other children than he did for his daughter Lettice. However, after making provision for each of his children and others, he stated that the residual of his estate should be divided among his following children: Elizabeth Newton, Judith Brent, Catherine Lane, Lettice Lawson, Martha Berryman, Mary Newton, and Sarah Berryman. Willoughby Newton had one son. His name was John, and in his original will, Willoughby left the major part of his estate to him. However, John died prior to January 28, 1767, when Willoughby added a codicil to his will made necessary by this death. In this codicil, he made explicit provisions for John's widow and children as survivors.

Willoughby Newton's parents were:

- Capt. Thomas Newton (1678-1723) and his wife Elizabeth Starke (1687-1759), who were married in January, 1702. Capt. Thomas Newton was prominent in the affairs of Westmoreland County. He was a Church Warden of Cople Parish; served as Surveyor of Westmoreland County around 1717, and Sheriff of the county around 1723. After the death of Thomas Newton in 1723, his wife Elizabeth married Col. Samuel Oldham in 1730.

Capt. Thomas Newton was the son of

John Newton, the founder of the Newton family of Westmoreland County, and his fourth wife, Rose Girard, the widow of Thomas Girard, and still earlier, of John Tucker, both prominent in early colonial affairs. Date of birth of Rose Girard and of her marriage to John Newton are unknown. However, she died in early 1712 or late 1711, as her will was offered for probate on January 28, 1712.

John Newton was born in England about 1639, and was the eldest son of Thomas Newton of Kingston-Upon-Hull, Yorkshire. Following the death of his third wife, Elizabeth (Laycocke), whom he married in 1669, he emigrated to Maryland. From there he crossed over into Virginia, with his name appearing in the Westmoreland County records as early as 1673. John Newton's home in Westmoreland County was

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The following table shows the results of the reconciliation process for the month of January. It details the opening balance, the total receipts, the total payments, and the closing balance. The table also includes a column for the variance, which shows the difference between the book balance and the actual cash on hand. The variance for January was a credit of \$50.00, indicating that the company's records were in excess of the actual cash on hand. This variance was traced to a receipt that had been recorded but not yet deposited into the company's bank account. The document concludes by stating that the reconciliation process was completed successfully and that the company's financial records are now accurate.

called "Wilmington". A fairly comprehensive history of John Newton and his family may be found in various issues of the William and Mary Quarterly.

Having carried the Newton line of Catherine Lawson Bennett back to 1639 in England, where John Newton was born, it will be interesting now to drop back and pick up the line of Elizabeth Starke Newton (later Oldham), the great-grandmother of Catherine, and follow it back for several generations.

The parents of Elizabeth Starke (or Storke, as it was sometimes called) were:

Nehemiah Starke, who in 1685 married Behethland Gilson (1666-1693)
He was the son of William Starke of Westmoreland County (1624-1676)

Behethland Gilson was the daughter of:

Behethland Bernard (circa 1635-1720) and Major Andrew Gilson, colonial soldier of Stafford County. They were married in 1664. In addition to their daughter, Behethland, the Gilsons had a son, Thomas Gilson (1665-1707), who was a Justice of the Peace in Stafford County in 1701.

The parents of Behethland Bernard were:

Mary Behethland and Capt. Thomas Bernard of Warwick County, Virginia. The dates of their birth, marriage, and death are not known. However, Mary Behethland was probably born between 1612-18 and died somewhere between 1675-85. Capt. Thomas Bernard was probably somewhat older than his wife, Mary, and was likely to have been born in England.

Mary Behethland Bernard was the daughter of:

Capt. Robert Behethland and Mary Nicholson, although the latter is not fully substantiated. The dates of their birth, marriage, and death are not known.

Capt. Robert Behethland came to Virginia, landing with Capt. John Smith at Jamestown in 1607. He is supposed to have been the son of Richard Behethland of England. His name appears among the list of the first settlers of Jamestown. Although many of the records of his life have been lost, genealogists are mostly in agreement that he married Mary Nicholson several years after he landed here and that they had the following children:

1. Dorothy, living in 1628
2. John, died in England in 1639
3. Mary, married Capt. Thomas Bernard, as already mentioned

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Assuming that the foregoing ancestral tree of Elizabeth (Starke) Newton is correct, and there is no reason to believe that it is not, since it is based upon a study made by John Bradley Calvert Micklin, and the results published in the January, 1929, issue of the William and Mary Quarterly, then Capt. Robert Behethland was the great, great, great, great, great grandfather of Catherine Lawson, the second wife of Richard Bennett and mother of George Stepto Bennett of Iredell County, North Carolina.

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TO THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD AND CATHERINE LAWSON BENNETT:

It has taken me over twenty years to collect the family information included in this small pamphlet. It is to be expected that due to the difficulty of making the right contacts in all cases, the history of certain families will be incomplete or, names and dates may be wrong. In all such instances of omission or commission, I would appreciate it if they were called to my attention. If there is sufficient interest, it is possible that within a few years, a revised edition with these changes incorporated can be issued.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of the relatives and others who have made this history possible.

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